

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT[281]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 256.7(5), the State Board of Education hereby amends Chapter 36, “Extracurricular Interscholastic Competition,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment eliminates what was commonly referred to as the “open gym” rule, while retaining all current prohibitions against out-of-season contact by coaches of students during the school year. The effect of adoption of this amendment is to give local school administrators discretion to decide when to make school athletic facilities open to students or to the public.

An agencywide waiver provision is provided in 281—Chapter 4.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the December 15, 2010, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 9270B**. Notice was also provided to all members of the Iowa High School Athletic Directors Association through the Association’s November 2010 newsletter and was published in the December 2010 “School Leaders Update,” an electronic publication sent to school superintendents and available to the public on the Department’s Web site. Public comments were allowed until 4:30 p.m. on January 4, 2011. No written or oral comments were received by the Department. This amendment is identical to that published under Notice.

This amendment shall become effective May 25, 2011.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 280.13.

The following amendment is adopted.

Rescind and reserve paragraph **36.15(6)“c.”**

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